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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ELECTRIC GENERATOR ASSISTANCE DURING IDB
MEETING

REF: KINGSTON 967

1. THE JAMAICA MINISTRY OF FINANCE TELEPHONED EMBASSY KINGSTON ON MAR 29 TO REQUEST OUR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING A STANDBY ELECTRIC GENERATOR FOR USE DURING THE IDB BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING IN KINGSTON THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF MAY. THE FINANCE MINISTRY SAID THAT THE JAMAICA EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD ALREADY APPROACHED THE DEPT WITH THIS REQUEST.

2. THE REQUEST STEMS FROM THE TROUBLES JAMAICA HAS BEEN HAVING RECENTLY WITH ITS ELECTRICAL POWER SUPPLY. OUTAGES HAVE BEEN FREQUENT, AND THE JAMAICA GOVERNMENT FEARS THAT IT MAY BE EMBARRASSED IF THE POWER GOES OFF DURING THE IDB GATHERING. THE MINISTRY HAS ASKED, HOWEVER, THAT OUR ASSISTANCE BE " INCONSPICUOUS" IF POSSIBLE.

3. THE MINISTRY SAID THAT MR. CHARLES BRANNAN OF IDB HEAD-QUARTERS IN WASHINGTON WAS AWARE OF THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THIS REQUEST, SUCH AS THE CAPACITY OF THE GENERATOR REQUIRED. THE FINANCE MINISTRY SUGGESTED THAT US MILITARY EQUIPMENT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE. (NOTE: JAMAICA ELECTRICITY IS 110 V, 50 CYCLE, A COMBINATION FOUND IN FEW, IF ANY, OTHER PLACES ON EARTH.)

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4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING ANY INFORMATION OR RESPONSE TO THIS
REQUEST WHICH WE MIGHT PASS ON TO THE MINISTRY.
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